

GREYFRIARS BOBBY



Greyfriars Bobby lived one hundred and fifty years ago. He belonged to a policeman in Edinburgh called John Gray. Bobby used to help his master by chasing criminals and biting their ankles.

One winter, it was very cold, and John Gray fell ill. Bobby lay beside his master, trying to keep him warm but John died of his illness.

Bobby was very upset and, when John was buried in Greyfriars churchyard, the little dog stayed by his gravestone all night. Every day and every night, Bobby stayed and guarded his master's grave. He chased away cats and kept the area safe. The gardener of the churchyard was called James Brown. He felt sorry for Bobby and gave him food. Bobby also befriended a soldier from Edinburgh Castle who used to take him to the castle every day to see the canon fire to mark one o'clock. The ruler of Edinburgh city was the Lord Provost. When he heard the story of the little dog's faithfulness to his dead master, he made him a special collar with the name, Greyfriars Bobby.

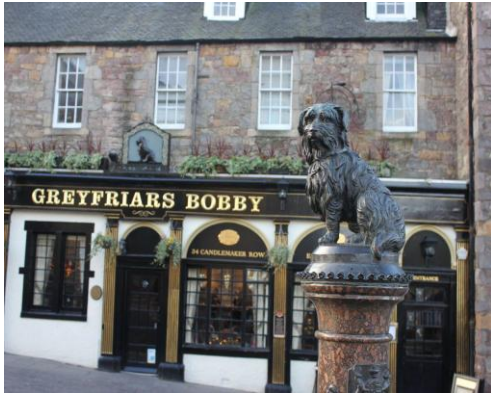
People came from all over Britain to see the little dog and have their photograph taken with him. Even Queen Victoria visited. She understood the little dog's sorrow for she had lost her husband, Albert.

For fourteen years, Bobby guarded his master's grave in Greyfriar's Church. When he died, the little dog was buried in a flowerpot in front of the church.

Today, there is a gravestone to mark the spot.

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*The Greyfriars
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Greyfriars
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